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Atty Dkt.: 604-540

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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Date: February 18, 2000

Inventor: **SPINOZA, Marc H.**

Entitled: **A METHOD OF SECURING A LINE TO A  
PATIENT, FASTENERS AND THEIR USE TO  
SECURE A LINE TO A PATIENT**

and including attachments as noted below:

☒ Declaration, ☒ Abstract

☒ 26 pages of specification and claims (including 45 numbered claims), and  
sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☒ Record & return the attached assignment to the undersigned.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

**Application Number****Country****Day/Month/Year Filed**

9717821.4

Great Britain

21 August 1997

, respectively.

☒ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached..

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a continuation of PCT application  
PCT/GB98/02502, filed 20 August 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this  
application.--

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 120/365 based on the following prior PCT applications designating the U.S.,  
the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

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PCT/GB98/02502

20 August 1998

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby  
claimed therefrom.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S.

Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this  
application.

Verified Statement attached establishing "small entity" status (Rules 9 &amp; 27)

The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for  
the reasons stated therein.

☒ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee below.☒ Also attached: **Submission of Priority Documents; Int'l Search Report****FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HERewith CANCELED**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "when appendant to claim 4".

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and replace by --claim 1--.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "or claim 14".

Claim 18, line 1, delete "any of claims 15 to 17" and replace by --claim 15--.

Claim 19, line 1, delete "any of claims 15 to 17" and replace by --claim 15--.

Claim 21, line 1, delete "any of claims 13 to 20" and replace by --claim 13--.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "or claim 22".

Claim 24, line 1, delete "any of claims 21 to 23" and replace by --claim 21--.

Claim 25, line 1, delete "when appendant to claim 23".

Claim 27, line 1, delete "any of claims 21 to 26" and replace by --claim 21--.

Claim 28, line 1, delete "any of claims 21 to 27" and replace by --claim 21--.

Claim 31, line 1, delete "any of claims 13 to 30" and replace by --claim 13--.

Claim 33, line 1, delete "or claim 32".

Claim 34, line 1, delete "any of claims 31 to 33" and replace by --claim 31--.

Claim 35, line 1, delete "any of claims 31 to 34" and replace by --claim 31--.

Claim 37, line 1, delete "any of claims 13 to 36" and replace by --claim 13--.

Claim 38, lines 1-2, delete "any of claims 13 to 35" and replace by --claim 13--.

Claim 39, line 1, delete "any of claims 13 to 35" and replace by --claim 13--.

Claim 43, line 1, delete "any of claims 13 to 35" and replace by --claim 13--.

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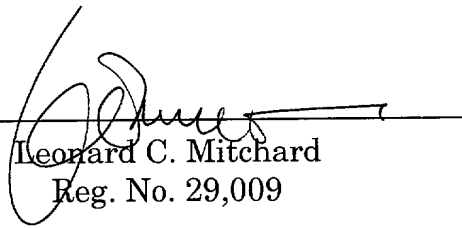
**REMARKS**

The above amendments have been made to place the application in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**  
**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

This application is a continuation of International Application PCT/GB98/02502 filed 20 August 1998. As a below named inventor, I hereby declare: that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the invention entitled: the subject of International Application No. **PCT/GB98/02502 filed 20 August 1998** and amended on **none**. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including (to the best of my ability) the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R 1.56; and that applications for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery which have been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America and, if filed within one year before this application, from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 are as follows:

United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9717821.4 filed 21 August 1997.

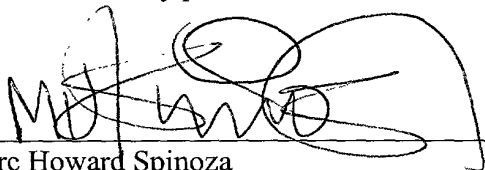
I hereby claim domestic priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of the indicated United States applications listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, if this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such prior applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of each such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>PRIOR PCT APPLICATION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>PRIORITY CLAIMED</u>
	Pending	Yes

And I hereby appoint Nixon & Vanderhye whose address is Eighth Floor, 1100 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714, USA (to whom all communications about this application are to be directed), and the below named partners (of the same address) individually and collectively my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent, and I hereby authorise them to delete names/numbers below of persons no longer with their firm and to act and rely on instructions from and to communicate with BTG INTERNATIONAL LIMITED and its employees and by whom I declare that I have consented after full disclosure to be represented unless/until I instruct Nixon & Vanderhye in writing to the contrary.

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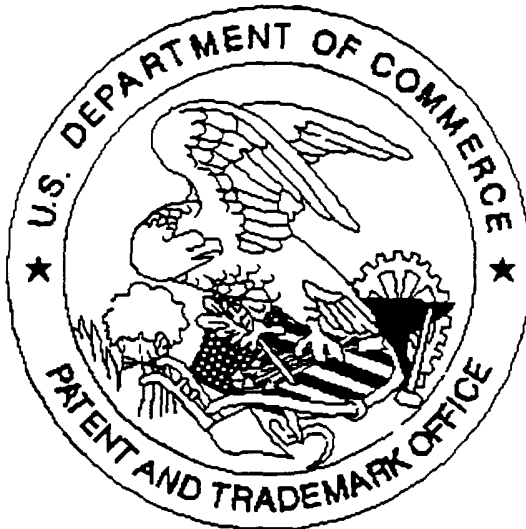
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